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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON GDR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

This report includes information on GDR (German Democratic Republic) agricultural research facilities and experiments, new developments in Agriculture, the new-peasant program, programs in forestation, grain sowing, and pig raising, increase in MAS, and fodder consumption by farm animals.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

Research, New Developments

A German Academy for Agriculture has been established in Berlin. Its departments include: compilation of scientific data, reference service, administration of estates, translation service, foreign department, and law reference. There is a library with over 30,000 technical books.(1)

The most modern dairy in Macklenburg, with a daily capacity of 35,000 liters of milk, is being built at Ducherow, Kreis Anklam.(2)

Engineer Hans Wulsch of the Buckau-Wolf Machine Factory in Magdeburg has designed a completely automatic potato-planting machine which will result in a 90-percent saving of manpower. (3)

Agronomist Hans Engel and Section Chief Gerhard Liebtanz of the Pessants' Mutual Aid Association for Sachsen-Anhalt have concluded successful research experiments with granulated superphosphates, based on the principles of Lysenko. By using pulverized phosphate in surface fertilizing, it has been possible to increase the grain yield by approximately 150 kilograms per hecture, whereas furrow fertilization with granulated phosphate resulted in a yield increase of 380 kilograms per hectare. (4)

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More than 500,000 agricultural workers and landless peasants have received over 1.2 million bectares of land as the result of the land reform. Since the initiation of the contraction program for new peasants in Movember 1946, 66,000 additional nouses, 72,300 stables, and 38,400 barns have been built, and 22,000 additional buildings were to be completed by the end of 1951.(5)

During 1951, the CDR (German Democratic Republic) spent 200 million Deutsche Marks on its new-peasant program. Among other things, the new peasants received 500,000 tons of seed potatoes and 150,000 tons of seed grain. (6)

More than 8,000 new peasants left their forms during 1951. About 6,000 ferranse left the GDR. Many forms are now unoccupied and will be incorporated into "community property."(7)

Planting, Forestation

In Thusringen, forestation of 10,000 hectares, or 95 percent of the 1951 plan, was completed by September 1951. In addition, 32 million deciduous seed-lings were planted on 500 hectares of thinned-out stanks.(8)

As of 12 April 1952, 65 percent of the grain and legumes had been sown, as follows: summer wheat and rye, 78.6 percent; barley, 51.6 percent; oats, 69.8 percent; legumes, 57.3 percent.(9)

Pig Baising

In Sachsen-Anhalt, 8,300 pig sties for breeding 47,000 pigs were constructed during 1951.(10)

A decree was issued in October 1951 stating that all pig breeders must report each new litter within a week after its arrival. Any sucklings not required for breeding will be disposed of at the discretion of the PHG (Peasants Trade Cooperative).(11)

MAS, Podder Consumption

The number of MAS (& hine-lending stations) in Sachsen-Anhalt increased from 152 in 1949 to 173 at the end of 1951. During the same period, the MAS machine pool increased on an average of 50 percent.(12)

According to statistics issued by the MAS to prove to farmers that it is cheaper for them to use MAS machines instead of farm animals, the following amounts of fodder are used daily by each work horse and ox (in kilograms):

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